

REMARKS

Applicant notes that a teleconference was conducted with the Examiner on September 3rd. During the teleconference, the Examiner stated that the case is in condition for allowance, except that he objects to the drawings as not illustrating the features of claim 4. Specifically, the Examiner stated that Figure 1 does not show the feature “*wherein, on the bottom side of said cup-like portion, said sealing member adheres to said surface of said case*”. Applicant notes that claim 4 has been amended and is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 14 and 16-21 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 4 and 19 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 2-3, 7, 11-13 and 15 have been canceled

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant notes that there are no outstanding rejections of the claims in the Application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects the drawings as not illustrating the features of claim 4. However, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 4 has been amended to replace “*wherein, on the bottom side of said cup-like portion, said sealing member adheres to said surface of said case*” with “***wherein said sealing member adheres to said bottom of said cup-like portion***”, which is clearly illustrated, for example, in Figure 1.

Applicant notes that Claim 19 was amended to clarify the claim.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings clearly illustrate all of the claimed features in the present Application. Therefore, all of the claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 14 and 16-21, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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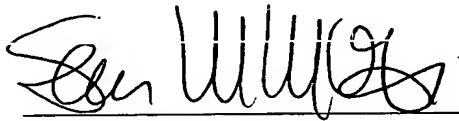
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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